

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (Currently amended) A communication apparatus, comprising:

a controller;

an interface, configured ~~adapted~~ to receive an electronic message;

a display; and

a memory, ~~said memory being adapted~~ configured to store image data representing at least one predefined icon to be presented on said display so as to indicate receipt of said electronic message,

wherein

said memory is ~~adapted~~ further configured to store an association between the or each predefined icon and a sender of electronic messages; ~~and wherein~~

said controller is ~~adapted~~ configured to determine a sender of said received electronic message, to match the sender thus determined with the or each predefined icon by way of said association, and to present a matching icon, if any, on said display to indicate receipt of said received electronic message as well as the sender thereof,

wherein said electronic message is of a type having a control data portion and a message data portion, the control data portion includes a message sender identity, and the sender of said received electronic message is determined from the message sender identity.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim ~~[[2]]~~1, wherein said electronic message is a short message service~~[[ - ]]~~ message or a multimedia message service message.

4. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim ~~[[2]]~~1, wherein said message sender identity is a telephone number for a mobile telecommunications system, said telecommunication system is one of the following: such as Global System for Mobile

communications (GSM), Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS), Digital Advanced Mobile Phone System (D-AMPS) or and Code Division Multiple Access 2000 (CDMA2000).

5. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim ~~[[2]]~~1, wherein said electronic message is an email message.

6. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said controller is ~~adapted~~ further configured to simultaneously present a plurality of matching icons on said display to indicate a corresponding plurality of received messages.

7. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said controller is further configured ~~adapted~~ to display, for each presented matching icon, a numeric indicator to indicate a current number of unread messages received from a respective sender associated with each presented matching icon.

8. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said controller is ~~adapted~~ further configured to enhance the presentation of the or each presented icon with a visual effect such as animation, scrolling, morphing, flashing or changing colors.

9. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 1, further comprising at least one of a phonebook, address book or contact book, wherein the association between the or each predefined icon and a sender of electronic messages is stored in an entry in said phonebook, address book or contact book.

10. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the association comprises a link to an image file, which is stored outside of said phonebook entry, address book entry or contact book entry but inside said memory, and which contains image data that defines the or each predefined icon.

11. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the association comprises image data that defines the or each predefined icon and is stored in said phonebook entry, address book entry or contact book entry.

12. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the association further comprises a message sender identity, and the sender of said received electronic message is determined by comparing the message sender identity in the association and the message sender identity in the received electronic message~~wherein said electronic message is of a type having a control data portion and a message data portion, the control data portion including a message sender identity, wherein said controller is adapted to determine the sender of said received electronic message from the message sender identity.~~

13. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 1, further comprising an element for adding a new icon to said memory, and an element for generating in said memory a new association between said new icon and a sender of electronic messages.

14. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein said element for adding a new icon comprises an image editor in said apparatus.

15. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein said element for adding a new icon comprises a communications interface of said communication apparatus.

16. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 15, wherein said communications interface is at least one of:

- a serial interface;
- a short-range supplementary radio data interface;
- a wireless application protocol compatible interface; and
- a radio frequency interface for a mobile telecommunications system.

17. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 15, wherein said communications interface is the same as said interface adapted to receive an electronic message.

18. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said communication apparatus is a portable telecommunication apparatus.

19. (Currently amended) ~~A method of indicating receipt of an electronic message in a communication apparatus having a display and a memory, wherein at least one predefined icon is provided in said memory, a received electronic message is matched with the or each predefined icon, and a matching icon, if any, is presented on said display to indicate said received electronic message, comprising:~~

storing at least one predefined icon,  
~~providing, in said memory, storing~~ an association between the or each predefined icon and a sender of electronic messages;  
determining a sender of ~~said a~~ received electronic message; and  
~~determining displaying~~ a matching icon, if any, that represents through the sender thus determined and said association in said memory of the received electronic message to indicate said received electronic message as well as the sender thereof,  
wherein said electronic message is of a type having a control data portion and a message data portion, the control data portion includes a message sender identity, and the sender of the electronic message is determined from the message sender identity.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim ~~[[20]]~~19, wherein said electronic message is an short message service message or multimedia message service message.

22. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim ~~[[20]]~~19, wherein said message sender identity is a telephone number for a mobile telecommunications system.

23. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim ~~[[20]]~~19, wherein said electronic message is an email message.

24. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim 19, performed repeatedly for a plurality of received messages, so that a corresponding plurality of matching icons, if any, are ~~presented~~displayed simultaneously ~~on the display~~.

25. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim 19, performed repeatedly for a plurality of received messages so that only the last received message, irrespective of sender, is indicated by its matching icon, if any, ~~on the display~~.

26. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim 19, performed repeatedly for a plurality of received messages so that each ~~presented~~displayed matching icon, if any, is provided with a numeric indicator to indicate the current number of unread messages received from the sender associated with the ~~presented~~displayed matching icon.

27. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim 19, wherein the ~~presentation~~displaying of the or each ~~presented~~matching icon is enhanced with a visual effect such as animation, scrolling, morphing, flashing or changing colors.

28. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim 19, wherein a default icon is ~~presented~~displayed on said display to indicate said received electronic message, in case no matching icon has been determined.

29. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim 19, wherein the association between the or each predefined icon and a sender of electronic messages is stored in a phonebook entry, address book entry or contact book entry ~~in said memory~~.

30. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method as in claim 29, wherein the association comprises a link to an image file, which is stored outside of said phonebook entry, address book entry or contact book entry ~~but inside said memory~~, and which contains image data that defines the or each predefined icon.

31. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method as in claim 29, wherein the association comprises image data that defines the or each predefined icon and is stored in said phonebook entry, address book entry or contact book entry.

32. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method as in claim 29, wherein the association further comprises a message sender identity, ~~wherein said electronic message is of a type having a control data portion and a message data portion, the control data portion including a message sender identity, and~~ wherein the sender of said received electronic message is determined by comparing from the message sender identity in the association and the message sender identity in the received electronic message.

33. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method as in claim 19, further comprising the additional steps of adding a new icon to said memory, and generating ~~in said memory~~ a new association between said new icon and a sender of electronic messages.

34. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method as in claim 33, wherein said adding is preceded by generating said new icon locally by way of an image editor ~~in said communication apparatus.~~

35. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method as in claim 34, wherein said ~~step of~~ adding is preceded by ~~a step of~~ receiving said new icon through a communications interface ~~of said communication apparatus.~~

36. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method as in claim 35, wherein said communications interface is at least one of:

a serial interface;

a short-range supplementary radio data interface;  
a wireless application protocol compatible interface; and  
a radio frequency interface for a mobile telecommunications system.

37. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim 36, wherein said communications interface is the same as the one through which said electronic message is received.

38. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The method as in claim 19, wherein said communication apparatus is a portable telecommunication apparatus, and wherein the apparatus is used such as a mobile terminal for one or more of the following telecommunication systems: Global System for Mobile communications (GSM), Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS), Digital Advanced Mobile Phone System (D-AMPS) ~~or~~ and Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) 2000.

39 - 47. (Cancelled)